



WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH
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Our Purpose

Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith



**Jesus told the people, 'You are the salt of the earth;
You are the light of the world!'**

Matthew 5:13&14

SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2026

Western Heights Uniting Church

Notice Sheet Sunday 8th February 2026 – 10.00am Worship

Please Pray for:

Safe Church Task Group

Sympathy:

To Leila Green on the death of her brother-in-law Brian Green on 28th January 2026.

To Naomi and Joanna on the death of their mother Janet Pavlakis on Thursday 5th February.

Birthdays:

Colin Rookes 9th

Maureen Lennon 12th

The congregation at Western Heights offers prayerful support of its members and others in a number of ways. Because of privacy protocols, names are not included for prayer unless we have received your permission.

Uniting Barwon

Items that would be appreciated this week long-life milk, margarine, pasta, cheese, pasta sauces.

Thought for the week:

Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever remains to them?

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

Diary for This Week

Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Bruce Waldron
Thursday 12th	8.00am	Musicians & Singers Music Practice

Diary for Next Week

Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship – Rev. Robert Van Zetten Communion
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Minister and Pastoral Care (on leave)

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga - 0400 664 991

Pastoral Care

With Temukisa on leave starting Monday 2nd February to Tuesday 17th February all urgent pastoral matters will be cared for by Rev. Bruce Waldron 0491 663 514.

Clean Up Australia Activity 28th February

With St. Lukes, Belmont, and Wesley, we are planning a Clean Up Australia Day activity on Saturday 28th February.

If you would like to come along and help beautify our city and help prevent plastics, etc from destroying our native flora and fauna, come along, and slip, slop, slap.

We'll be starting at St. Lukes at 9am and working through till 10.30, followed by a cuppa and refreshments. Ask Bruce Waldron for details and let him know please if you are coming, so we can make sure we have enough tongs and hi-vis jackets. Hope there are a stack of us there on the day.

Tasks people are doing today.

8th February 2026

Vestry Steward: Michele Hardy

Reader: Trish Fleming

Stewards: Geoff Everett, Tim Hunt

Greeter: Vanessa Thomson

Morning Tea: Lily Furletti, Barbara Everett

Hall Cleaner: Bruce Waldron

Musicians: Nathan Gibson, Bruce Waldron, Geoff Coots, Dudley Holroyd, David Andrews

Singers: Lynda Scott, Ashley Payne, Catherine Van Zetten

PA/Data: Sharn Waldron / Allister Coots

Tasks people are doing next week.

15th February 2026

Vestry Steward: Annette Chidzey

Reader: Geoff Coots

Stewards: Glenn Chidzey, Neil Douglas

Greeter: Joan Murphy

Morning Tea: Michele Hardy, Jean Payne

Hall Cleaner: Glenn Chidzey

Musicians: Sue Ekkel, Dudley Holroyd, Bruce Waldron, Geoff Coots

Singers: Lynda Scott, Bev Hunt, Ashley Payne

PA/Data: Tim Hunt / Allister Coots

MATTHEW 5: 13-20

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

ISAIAH 58:1-11

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves,

but you do not notice?’ they ask God Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.